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Beautiful SPRING

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...

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ISSUE NUMBER 123...

The Spring issue of the MD TAMS Journal is dedicated to the memory of Bill Ayres...one of the most prominent Maryland numismatists of past years...

WE NEED MORE ARTICLES...or your journal will cease to be published...Thanks to Jane and Russ Sears and Wally Stone...without whom we would have ceased long ago...It's also time to pay your DUES...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*****2010*****

**June 19 - Baltimore Convention Center - 11 am – 1 pm
Whitman Coin Show**

**October 9 - SWAP MEET – 11 am – 3 pm
Grace United Methodist Church**

**November 6 - Baltimore Convention Center – 11 am – 1 pm
Whitman Coin Show**

President's Message

WELL, the winter of 2009/2010 has been a real record setter and not necessarily good records. The official weather station at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport has already recorded eighty inches of snow and we are still counting. As a warm weather person this is not a record I welcome. I hope you have held up well during our recent snow storms. I have had more than my fill of shoveling the snow. Spring cannot come fast enough for my taste. Mother Nature also did a number on our Maryland Token and Medal Society Swap Meet. We have had to cancel it twice, once for each big snow storm. We will reschedule the Swap Meet soon with the new date being announced at the upcoming 6 March MD TAMS meeting at the Whitman Coin show. Hopefully, we will be far enough into the year that we will avoid snow for the next scheduled date. Cross your fingers !!

As most of you are aware, our Treasurer, Karl Keller must vacate that position as he will be moving soon. Once again I am asking any MD TAMS member who is interested in taking on the treasurer job to get in touch with me. This is a critical position in this organization and this job MUST be filled.

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Maryland Token and Medal Society has just published our next three references. Mr. Joe Burford has completed his updating on Elongated Coins of Maryland (Part Two) (over 90 pages) and Mr. Millard Hajek has finished two updating efforts: Maryland Encased (over 60 pages) and Maryland Unlisted Merchant Tokens - a supplement to the original Maryland Merchant Tokens book by Mr. David Schenkman (over 80 pages). All three are soft cover and plastic spiral bound. Each of the three reference books sell for \$15.00 if purchased in person or \$20.00 to include P&H. Elsewhere in this issue of the Journal you will find an ad for these publications. We are also offering the new Maryland Merchant Token addendum and the original Maryland Merchant Tokens book for \$45.00 (\$51.00 with P&H). I want to thank both Joe and Mill for the considerable effort that went into these documents. This was some heavy lifting and they are both to be commended, so take some time to thank them personally. I also want to thank all the MD TAMS members (and non-members) who helped by providing them data for inclusion in these publications. The Maryland Token and Medal Society can take tremendous pride in these three latest efforts to document our hobby's history. The three newest books take their place among the numerous earlier efforts by Joe, Mill and many others and result in a real body of work of which we can truly be proud. Make sure you add these to your library.

Edward L. Craig
President, MD TAMS

Remembering Bill Ayres...



Past two-time President of the Maryland State Numismatic Association and active member of MD TAMS, Bill Ayres passed away on January 5 at the age of 77. Anyone who knew Bill, and that includes just about all Maryland numismatists, will miss him sorely! At just about every show held in recent times you could find Bill, with his smiling face behind one counter or another...he was always there...He was indeed a good friend!

Bill helped organize the Harford Coin Huskers in 1961 and the Maryland State Numismatic Association in 1972 with founding father John Henry. He served as their journal editor for 20 years from 1982 to 2002 and is the only person to serve as President of MSNA two different times, 1996 and 1993-95. He was also Secretary in 1974-75 and 1987-91; Treasurer 1989-90 and Vice President 1992-3. You might say he did it all! If there was a job to be done, Bill was there to do it.

Bill was awarded the ANA Presidential Award from ANA President Ken Bressett in 1996 and was selected MSNA Numismatist of the Year in 1981. Former MSNA Board member, Ernie Turnes said of Bill, "When I think of Bill, I can't help but think of all the positive things he did for our hobby and for me personally. He was a hard worker, active in his church, generous with his time, talents, and possessions, always looked out for the best interests of others and each of his clubs. I think that more than anything, though, Bill was the consummate family man." Donald Curtis added, "I once asked Bill Ayres what he collected and he told me, 'I collect collectors'. ...that is why he had so many friends."

Bill was, indeed, a good friend of all who knew him...he will be missed! This issue is dedicated to his memory...

RUTH & FLEMING

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BY JANE SEARS MD LM 12

Ruth & Fleming were two men engaged in the oyster and fruit packing trade in Baltimore between 1865 to 1868. First, I will give information already printed about the firm, then process in my research to give you detail information on these two individuals. Later in the article, you will know of 135.



Selected Articles on the Subject of American Tokens Reprinted from The Numismatist (1904-1938) page 25 - The Merchants Cards and Tokens of Baltimore - A List of the Issues of the Monumental City, Accompanied by Historical Notes - F. G. Duffield

D114. Obv. Above, "Francis J. Ruth." In the center, "1 /Gall." In exergure, "Koehler" (in very small letters,) a star.

Rev. An eagle r.with shield on his breast, arrows and olive branch in his talons, 15 stars above.

Brass. Size 22

From 1869 Francis J. Ruth was an oyster and fruit packer on the Atlantic wharf, Boston street. From 1865 to 1869 he was associated with Henry Fleming (Ruth & Fleming) in the same business at Aliceanna and Chester Streets.



"Maryland Merchant Tokens" by David E. Schenkman

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GOOD FOR / 5 / RUTH (Ruth' incuse across '5') / CENT /

KOEHLER (die sinker's name in tiny letters)

E. P. Mc (incuse) / eagle with

wings spread, 17 stars above)

R230-5

copper, 22mm

similar to R230-5, but denomination 10

R230-10

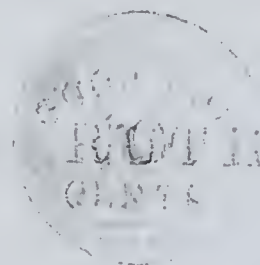
copper, 22mm

similar to R230-5, but denomination 25

R230-25

copper, 22mm

These token are assumed to be issues of Francis J. Ruth. It is not know what the initials on the reverse stand for.



R230-10



R235

R235 FRANCIS J. RUTH. / 1 / GALL. /
 KOEHLER (die sinker's name in tiny letters)
 (eagle with wings spread; 15 stars above)
 brass, 22mm (Miller 131)
(Editor note: Atwood 131, Duffled 114)

R240 RUTH & FLEMING. / 10 / GALs. /
 KOEHLER (die sinker's name in tiny
 letters, upside down)
 (eagle with wings spread; "E PLURIBUS
 UNUM" on banner above head)
 nickel, 23mm



R240

Francis J. Ruth and Henry Fleming were in business together as oyster and fruit packers, at the N.E. corner of Aliceanna and Chester Sts. from about 1864 to 1869. Ruth then operated a packing business under his own name. See listing for Henry Fleming & Co. token.



F80 HENRY FLEMING & CO. (counterstamped RUTH) (eagle with wings spread;
 star above)
 brass, 21mm

An 1879 directory shows Fleming & Co. as oyster and fruit packers at 9 Albemarle St. The same directory lists Francis J. Ruth as an oyster packer at Atlantic wharf. See listing of Ruth tokens.



F80



NOW MY THOUGHT ON THESE TOKENS

R230 (all) This token was used by Ruth after the Civil War.

In my research of the oyster trade in Baltimore for 150 years (1800-1950), there is no E.P. Mc. But I have two possible candidates.

1) In 1869 Baltimore Directory - Edward P. McManua was listed as ICE CREAM, at 201 Saragota and the next year as a CONDUCTOR. No listing after that. **I ruled him OUT !!**

2) In 1876 Baltimore Directory - Edward P. McDevitt was listed as BEER, at 137 n. Exeter and dwelling at 297 North

In 1877 and 1878 - Here he is listed as RESTAURANT, at 297 North

He continued for a number of years. I believe he purchased these tokens and used them in his establishment.

R235 This token was used after the war, when Ruth started his own company in 1869.

R240 This token is the only Civil War token. Ruth and Fleming started their business 1865 and continued until 1868.

F80 This token was issued between the end of 1868 and 1870. There is no listing for "HENRY FLEMING & COMPANY". In 1871 he is with J. C. Mahoney & Co., then in 1879 he started Fleming & Co.

135

Why the 135 in the title and here at the beginning of my research? Because these 2 men were true American patriots who ventured into a business when their country was at war within itself. Francis J. Ruth and Henry Fleming started their fruit and oyster business on January 4, 1865. For 135 days, they were true Civil War merchants and their tokens have the classic design of that period.

Following is my research on these two gentlemen. *On the last page is a very interesting item that you will enjoy.*

1862 November 21 (Sun) newspaper

CAN MAKERS WANTED- Eight or ten fluted and Square CANMAKERS wanted at the corner of Alice Anna and Caroline streets. Association prices and constant work given.

F. J. RUTH & BRO.

1864 November 29 (Sun) newspaper

NOTICE - The copartnership heretofore existing under the style and firm of F. J. RUTH & BRO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Sylvester Ruth, of the above firm, is alone authorized settle the accounts of the same.

F. J. RUTH

SYLVESTER RUTH

Baltimore, Nov. 28, 1864

The Undersigned begs leave to inform his patrons that he will continue the OYSTER AND FRUIT CAN MANUFACTORY at the old stand. Thankful for the patronage heretofore extended he solicits a continuance of the same.

SYLVESTER RUTH

In retiring from the above firm the undersigned begs leave to thank his patrons for the liberal patronage heretofore extended, and solicits a continuance of the same to his successor.

F. J. RUTH

1865 January 4 (The Sun newspaper)

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, have this day formed a partnership under the firm of RUTH & FLEMING, for the purpose of conducting the HERMETICALLY SEALED FRUIT AND OYSTER BUSINESS in all its branches.

FRANCIS J. RUTH

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, have this day formed a Partnership under the firm of RUTH & FLEMING, for the purpose of conducting the HERMETICALLY SEALED FRUIT and OYSTER BUSINESS in all its branches.

1865

FRANCIS J. RUTH,
HENRY FLEMING.

NOTICE—The firm of RUTH & FLEMING is this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent, HENRY FLEMING withdrawing. FRANCIS J. RUTH will collect and settle all claims of the late firm.

FRANCIS J. RUTH.
HENRY FLEMING.

February 23, 1868.

HAVING PURCHASED THE INTEREST OF HENRY FLEMING in the above firm, I will continue to conduct the OYSTER AND FRUIT-PACKING BUSINESS at our old Factory, corner of ALICE-ANNA and CHESTER STREETS.

FRANCIS J. RUTH.
Feb 26 St.

February 23, 1868.

NOTICE - The firm of RUTH & FLEMING is this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent, HENRY FLEMING withdrawing. FRANCIS J. RUTH will collect and settle all claims of the late firm.

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FRANCIS J. RUTH

February 25, 1868

OYSTERS, &c.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

Of the Best Quality.

L. A. GILBERT,

No. 132 Ontario Street,

AGENT FOR RUTH & FLEMING'S

CELEBRATED BALTIMORE OYSTERS.

FILLS ALL ORDERS BY THE CASE

LOWER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE.

Dried Peaches, Cherries,
Raspberries and Plums,

F. J. RUTH.

HENRY FLEMING.

RUTH & FLEMING,

PACKERS OF

RAW, SPICED AND FRESH COVE
OYSTERS,

ALSO.

FRUITS OF ALL KINDS,

N. E. Cor. Aliceanna and Chester-sts.

BALTIMORE.

Cleveland Daily Plain- Dealer newspaper
December 8, 9, 12 and 22, 1865 (Ohio)

1865-66 Woods' Baltimore City Directory, page 63
(this directory goes into 1866, but all the
information was collected in 1865).

1867 May 3 (Sun) Baltimore newspaper

WANTED - Immediately - 300 Girls to
Shuck Steam Oyster.

Call early RUTH & FLEMING

1868 October 5 (Sun) Baltimore newspaper

WANTED - Immediately - 200
Hands to Shuck Steamed Oysters. Apply to
FRANCIS J. RUTH, corner Aliceanna and
Chester Sts.

1871 May 18 (Sun) Baltimore newspaper

A resolution granting F. Ruth permission to
erect a kiln for burning oyster shells near
Harris Creek, Canton adopted.

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1880 November 10 Jackson Citizen Patriot,
Michigan

Oysters.

Constantly on hand. F. J. Ruth's celebrated "Square Brand" standard oysters at the fruit house of J. O. Pitkins, third door north of the postoffice.

1872 January 6 (Sun) Baltimore newspaper
also 8th

FOR SALE IN FEE - The property corner of Aliceanna and Chester streets. 100 by 80 ft, improved by substantial WAREHOUSE, suitable for mercantile or heavy manufacturing purpose. Apply to or address F. J. RUTH, Atlantic wharf, Canton Bridge, Baltimore.

In the **Plain-Dealer newspaper (Ohio)** January 19, 1870 advertises fine large flavored oysters expressly for retail trade by Francis J. Ruth. Located at 134 Ontario Street the firm of Fleming & Sturges.

On April 4, 1870, the firm's name was changed to Fleming & Carr. In this ad, they are the sole agents of Francis J. Ruth's justly Celebrated Salt Sea Oysters.

In March 25, 1872 Fleming & Carr advertise Francis J. Ruth's
"SQUARE BRAND" Oysters.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Francis Jacob Ruth was born in 1832 in Baden, Germany. He came to America with his parents and brother in about 1850. He first appears in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania as a tinner (1850 Census), then in Baltimore about 1854 in directory. In 1858, he and his brother (Sylvester) began the manufacture of tin cans under the name of F. J. RUTH & BROTHER. The 1864 Baltimore Directory list them as Ruth & Brother. Then in 1865, he was involved in the oyster trade (Ruth & Fleming) ending in 1868. He continued on his own until about 1880. In 1881, Francis joined his brother in the tin can manufacturing business and the firm was changed to Sylvester & Ruth. Francis Jacob Ruth, Jr. died on May 5, 1903 at his residence, 2429 East Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore. His brother (Sylvester Jacob Ruth) died one week later on May 13, 1903.

BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTORIES:

Added Editor Note:

1853-4	Francis J. Ruth, jr.	tinner	248 n Canal
	Catherine C. Ruth (<i>his wife</i>)	milliner	248 n Canal
1854	Francis J. Ruth	pile driver	Wolfs of Gough
1855-56	Francis J. Ruth	pile driver	121 s Wolfe
1856-7	Francis J. Ruth, jr.	tinner	248 n Canal
	Catherine C. Ruth (<i>his wife</i>)	millner	248 n Canal
1860	Francis J. Ruth, jr.	tinner	293 n Gay
1864	Francis J. Ruth, jr.	R & Brother	87 s Chester
	Ruth & Brother	tinner and canmakers	318 Aliceanna
	Sylvester Ruth (R & Bro.)		121 s Wolfe
1865	Ruth & Fleming		ne corner Aliceanna and Chester
1865-66	Ruth & Fleming (F J Ruth, jr. H. Fleming)		oyster and fruit packers, ne corner Aliceanna and Chester (see ad.)
	Francis J. Ruth jr. (Ruth & Fleming)		87 s Chester
	Sylvester Ruth tinner and canmaker		318 Aliceanna, dw 121 s Wolfe
	Ruth & Fleming, ne corner Aliceanna and Chester		

1867-68 Ruth & Fleming (packers of hermetically sealed oysters, fruits & vegetables)

1869 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	ne corner Aliceanna and Chester
1870 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	ne cor Aliceanna and Chester
1871 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	cor Aliceanna and Chester
1872 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	cor Aliceanna and Chester
1876 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Atlantic wharf, Boston st.
1877 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Atlantic wharf, Boston st
1878 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Atlantic wharf, Boston st
1879 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Atlantic wharf, Boston st
1880 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Atlantic wharf, Boston st
1881 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Boston and Aliceanna
1882 Francis J. Ruth	oyster & fruit packer	Boston and Aliceanna
1887 Francis J. Ruth	tinner	513 s Washington 172
1890 Francis J. Ruth	canmaker	2034 Gough
1891 Frances J. Ruth	canmaker	1909 Gough

U.S. CENSUS

1850 Pennsylvania, Alleghany, Pittsburg Ward 5

<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Francis J. Ruth	19	tinner	Germ

Here Francis and his family are listed twice, it looks as though the census takers duplicated the whole neighborhood.

1860 Maryland, Baltimore, Ward 3	June 10 page 91	558/716	
<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Francis Ruth	28	tinner	0/500 Baden
Catherine	25		Baden
David	8		MD
John	5		MD
Jane	9/12		MD

1860 Maryland, Baltimore Ward 3	page 141	903/1101	
<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Francis Ruth	28	tinner	0/500 Baden
Catherine	25		Baden
Dolly	6		MD
John	5		MD
Clara	3/12		MD

Here is Francis's brother, who is also a tinner

1860 Maryland, Baltimore, Ward 3	559/716		
<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Sylvester Ruth	29	tinner	250/600 Baden
Amelia	25		Baden
David	8		Baden
Margaret	5		MD
Mary	1		MD

1880 Maryland, Baltimore, District 12 489 East Baltimore St.

<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>		<u>born</u>	
Francis Ruth	48	Oyster Packer	Ger	Ger	Ger
Catherine	45	Keeping House	Ger	Ger	Ger
Odelia	27		NJ	Ger	Ger
John	25	Clerk in store	MD	Ger	Ger
Frances	20		MD	Ger	Ger
Joseph	17		MD	Ger	Ger
Oscar	15	At school	MD	Ger	Ger
Mary	11	At school	MD	Ger	Ger
Herbert	7	At school	MD	Ger	Ger
Hamilton	4		MD	Ger	Ger

1900 Maryland, Baltimore, Foster Ave. (Editor Note: This is Francis J. Ruth)

<u>name</u>	<u>date of birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>no.children</u>	<u>gave birth to/alive</u>	<u>occupation</u>
Jacob Ruth	May 1833	67	married	45 years	tinner
Mary C	Nov 1837	62	married	45 years 10 / 8	
Francis J	July 1857	42	widow		
Wm. J	July 1857	42	widow		
Sylvester	April 1871	21	single		
Cattsi	Oct 1884	15	single		

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<u>Year/ Month/date</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Amt. Tax</u>
1863 Feb 28	F J Ruth & Brother	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	\$552.81
1863 April 30	F J Ruth & Brother	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	50.63
1863 May	F J Ruth & Brother	318 Alice Ann	manufacturer	10.00
1863 June 30	F J Ruth & Brother	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	53.06
1863 Aug 31	F J Ruth & Brother	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	96.72
1864 Mar 31	F J Ruth & Bro	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	35.20
1864 May 1	Jno S. Ruth & Co.	318 Alice Ann	Manufacturer	10.00
1864 July	Jno S. Ruth & Co.	318 Alice Ann	tin ware	79.05
1865 March	Ruth & Fleming	13 Bond St	oysters	\$142.85
1865 April	Ruth & Fleming	rear of 13 Bond St	preserver oysters	83.52
1865 May	Ruth & Fleming	rear of 13 Bond St.	preserver oysters	162.78
1865 June	Ruth & Fleming	rear of 13 Bond St	preserver fruits	55.74
1865 July	Ruth & Fleming	rear of 13 Bond St	preserver oysters	40.88
1865 Aug	Ruth & Fleming	7 Bond	preserver fruit	66.18
1865 Sept	Ruth & Fleming	rear of 13 Bond St	preserver fruit	220.80
1865 Oct	Ruth & Fleming	rear of Bond St	preserver fish	141.84
1865 Nov	Ruth & Fleming	rear of Bond St	preserver fruit	117.56
1865 Nov	Ruth & Fleming	AliceAnn & Chester	wholesale dealer	33.33
1866 July	Ruth & Fleming	AlicAnn & Chester	oyster & fruit	13.56
1866 July	Ruth & Fleming	AliceAnn & Chester	oyster & fruit shipper	29.60

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Franz R��th	◆ Sylvester R��th
Arrival - Baltimore County Of Birth - Baden	◆ Arrivial - Baltimore County Of Birth - Baden
Witness - Sylvester J. R��th TS #19 Folio 114	◆ Witness - Francis J. R��th TS # 19 Folio 113
Date Of Naturalization - October 29, 1855	◆ Date Of Naturalization - October 29, 1855

Henry Fleming was born in January 1835 in Virginia. He first appeared in Baltimore in the 1859 newspaper article. As reported before, Ruth and he started their company in 1865. In 1871 he became partners with John C. Mahoney and established J. C. Mahoney & Company. This company was auctioned off on April 1878. In 1879 he started his company Fleming & Company, oyster and fruit packers. He continued his business thru the 1900's. Henry Fleming died in Baltimore on April 10, 1909.

BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTORIES, TELEPHONE BOOK AND GAZATEERS:

1859 Henry Fleming- newspaper article
 1860 Henry Fleming- newspaper article
 1862 Henry Fleming (was assaulted- reported in newspaper)
 1865-66 Ruth & Fleming (F J Ruth, jr, H. Fleming) oyster and fruit packers, ne corner Aliceanna and Chester
Oyster Dealers
 Ruth & Fleming, ne corner Aliceanna and Chester
 Henry Fleming (Ruth & Fleming) 156 w. Lombard
 1867-68 Ruth & Fleming (packers of hermetically sealed oysters, fruits & vegetables) ne corner Aliceanna and Chester
 1870 Henry Fleming oyster and fruit packer Boston near Burke, Canton
 1871 Henry Fleming (J.C. Mahoney & Co.) o&f packer Boston nr Burke
 1876 Hy Fleming (J.C. Mahoney & Co.) o&f packer Carrollton Hotel
 1877 Hy Fleming (J.C. Mahoney & Co.) o&f packer Carrollton Hotel
 1878 Hy Fleming (J.C. Mahoney & Co.) o&f packer Carrollton Hotel
 1879 Fleming & Co oyster and fruit packer 9 Albemarle St.
 1880-1886 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packer 9 Albemarle St.
 1887 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers 16 Albemarle 9
 1888 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers 16 Albemarle
 1889 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers w. Cross corner Race
 1889-90 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers 103 Cross
 1891 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers 101 to 105 w. Cross
 1899 Fleming & Co. packers 105 w. Cross
 1900-1902 Fleming & Co. oyster and fruit packers 105 w. Cross
 1904 Henry Fleming (Fleming & Co) fruit packer 101-105 w Cross

U.S. CENSUS

1870 Maryland, Baltimore, 11th Ward

<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Henry Fleming	35	Fruit Dealer	MD

1880 Maryland, Baltimore, District 109, 12th Ward 83 Townsend St

<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Henry Fleming	42	Fruit Packer	VA VA VA
Susan	32	keeping house	VA VA VA

1900 Maryland, Baltimore, Ward 13 143 w. Lafayette Ave.

(Henry birth date is correct as listed)

<u>name</u>	<u>date of birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>born</u>
Henry Fleming	Jan 1848	62 m 21	Fruit Packer	VA VA VA
Susan	Jun 1849	50 m 21		WV WV WV
Henry jr	Aug 1882	17		MD VA WV
Mary L	Jan 1881	19		MD VA WV

1¢ U.S. PROPRIETARY REVENUE STAMPS

Beginning October 1, 1866, preserved, shellfish, fish, vegetables, fruits, meats, were subject to a 1 cent tax on containers up to 2 pounds. Larger containers received a much higher tax. On March 1, 1867 (5 months later) the tax was rescinded on shellfish, fruits, vegetables and meats. The remainder of the tax disappeared on canned goods March 5, 1872. These stamps were applied to the canned goods that were sold locally and items carried by the B & O Railroad to developing markets in the Midwest.

From the article 'Revenue' by Rosco Irvin - from the Stamp collector January 1, 2001 issue

Other stamps listed in this article were:

Myer & Co. Baltimore

Kensett & Co. Baltimore

N.C.&Co November 1866 (for Numsen, Carroll & Co.)

W. & Co. October 1866 (for Wilkens & Co.)

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Ruth & Fleming
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ENLARGEMENT OF ONE OF
THE STAMPS

Stamp sheet from the
Russ Sears Collection
(sheet size 5" x 6")

CHESTERTOWN MD. 300TH ANNIVERSARY MEDALLION.

BY. W. WALLACE STONE R-47

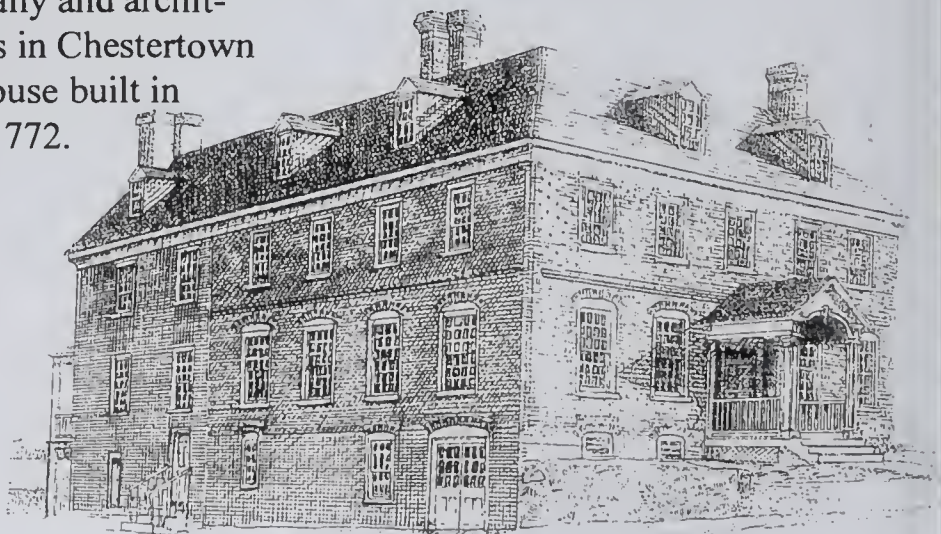
A new three hundreth anniversary medallion has been issued by the city of Chestertown, Maryland in Kent County on Maryland's eastern shore . The plain edge, gold colored piece measures 39mm and features a rendition of one of the four story Colonial mansions facing the Chester River. The reverse features a Fountain and the inscription " 300 Remarkable years "on the top border "1706-2006" placed on the lower border.



Chestertown was chartered in 1706 as a port of entry by the Maryland Assembly's "act for the advancement of trade and erecting ports and towns in the Province of Maryland". Growing into a prosperous trading port, Chestertown is one of Maryland's oldest links with the outside world. Along with being a trade center, the town became a center of government, courts and higher education. The town is home to Washington College, the 10th oldest Liberal Arts college in the United States. Today Chestertown is the County seat. Its Historic district is well preserved for the enjoyment of both tourists and residents. Among the many historically and architecturally interesting homes in Chestertown is the Hynson-Ringgold house built in stages between 1732 and 1772.



THE HYNSON-RINGGOLD HOUSE



HARFORD COIN COMPANY

By Jane Sears
Maryland TAMS LM 12

While Russ and I were enjoying the Whitman Coin and Collectibles Expo on November 14, 2009 in Baltimore, we visited many of the booths of our friends. Milt and Alex Lynn were at their booth for Harford Coin Company. Milt has owned the company since 1963. Originally located at 4321 Harford Road, later to Joppa Road near Waltham Woods Road. He recently moved to his new location at 8722 Satyr Hill Road, Baltimore, 21234.

Milt had free giveaways on his table. I asked if I could have the set of three. I got all the information to write an article for the journal.

Milt purchased 1000 each of the 3 varieties from the Patrick Mint in 2008. He first started giving them out at the Whitman Show in 2008.

He told me an interesting story - "a friend called him to look on Ebay; his token was listed and sold for \$6.95 Plus shipping".

Listed below are the tokens:



Obverse: 1793 Strawberry leaf cent

Obverse: liberty 1795 \$5 gold piece (also referred as Half Eagle)

Obverse: Standing Liberty Quarter 1916

Reverse for all varieties: * HARFORD COIN CO. * BALTIMORE • MARYLAND *
• 410-665-1814 / GOOD FOR / \$1.00 / IN TRADE / RARE COINS SINCE 1963 •

LITTLE KNOWN NAVAL HISTORY

By W. Wallace Stone R 47

The USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (fresh water distillers). However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the USS Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping". Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, and though unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home. The USS Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, NO rum, NO wine, NO whiskey and 38,000 gallons of stagnant water. Now these guys knew how to drink!

It's hard to write about rum without touching on the origins of the word itself. Over the years much has been speculated and written about its origins. One theory offers possible derivation of the word "rum" from the Latin for sugar, officinorum

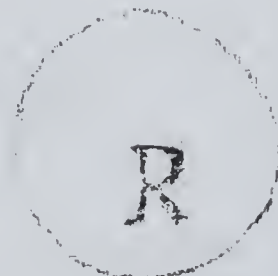
Another theory is that it comes from "Rumbullion" which is an English version of the Dutch and German roemer, which refers to a large drinking glass.

The preceding tale was sent to the author by his good friend Peter Gibbons-Neff past Rear Commodore of the Chesapeake Station of the Cruising Club of America, in Annapolis Md. Authenticity of facts may be judged for yourself, my feelings lean towards believing them to be true.

By the year 1650 the official English navy office had approved a daily ration of rum per man, both crew and officers were to receive one pint. This tradition lasted until 1830, at which time the ration was reduced to roughly one half pint and mixed with water. This formula became known as "Grog". Do the math yourself and see how much 475 men can consume at one pint per day when the USS Constitution departed Boston in 1798.



Two contemporary Bacardi Rum logo's,
Gold on black and Black on gold background.



English Rum Token, circa 1815, obverse and reverse

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